



1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 889

March 5, 1998 - Introduced by Representatives HANDRICK, HUTCHISON, GARD, GREEN, HUEBSCH, KEDZIE, OWENS, PORTER, SYKORA, URBAN, R. YOUNG and ZUKOWSKI, cosponsored by Senator RUDE. Referred to Committee on Tourism and Recreation.

1 AN ACT *to renumber and amend* 30.635; and *to create* 30.635 (2) of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** the speed of personal watercraft on certain lakes.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, motorboats, including personal watercraft, may not be operated in excess of slow-no-wake speed on lakes of 50 acres or less, except when those lakes serve as thoroughfares between 2 or more navigable lakes. The department of natural resources may modify or waive this prohibition for particular lakes if it finds that public safety would not be impaired. This bill expands the prohibition for personal watercraft to lakes of 200 acres or less.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 SECTION 1. 30.635 of the statutes is renumbered 30.635 (1) and amended to
4 read:

5 **30.635 (1)** On lakes that are 50 acres or less having in size and that have public
6 access, ~~motorboats may not be operated~~ no person may operate a motorboat in excess

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1 of slow-no-wake speed, except when such these lakes serve as thoroughfares
2 between among 2 or more navigable lakes. This subsection does not apply to personal
3 watercraft.

4 **(3)** The department by rule may modify or waive the requirements of this
5 section as to particular lakes, if it finds that public safety is not impaired by such
6 modification or waiver.

7 **SECTION 2.** 30.635 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

8 30.635 (2) On lakes that are 200 acres or less in size and that have public
9 access, no person may operate a personal watercraft in excess of slow-no-wake
10 speed, except when these lakes serve as thoroughfares among 2 or more navigable
11 lakes.

12 (END)